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Highly publicized and long awaited advanced technology

Electronic Campus to become a reality this fall

BY TERRY ALEY
News Editor

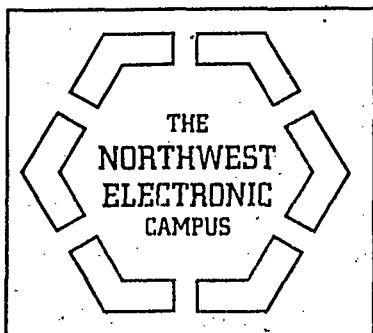
Beginning this fall, students and faculty will be provided with the highly publicized Electronic Campus. These advanced facilities are a service Northwest is proud to boast as "the only one of its kind at any public college or University in the country."

Each residence hall room and faculty office on campus will be equipped with one of 1400 computer terminals at a cost to each user of \$25.

In addition, residence hall rooms will be equipped this fall with a telephone hook-up. Wiring for the computer terminals provided the chance to 'kill two birds with one stone,' and hence, telephone wiring was in-

stalled simultaneously with the terminal wiring.

According to Dave Gieseke, Assistant Director of Public Relations, the Electronic Campus



will have a "tremendous effect with [incoming freshman] enrollment." He said this would increase the amount of government funds the University would be receiving in the future.

Estimates on next year's freshman class population have been predicted with an increase reaching as high as 30 percent.

The new terminals have been described as being similar to the computers located on the second floor of the library, but somewhat smaller. They will have the initials NWMSU inscribed across the top making them practically impossible to be re-sold. These terminals are expected to last approximately 10 years, and no vandalism of terminal property is expected.

"Everything is very much on schedule," Dr. Jon Rickman, Director of Computing Services, said. "We have had good delivery dates [with all of the equipment up to the present time] and excellent progress."

When completed, these facilities

will allow approximately 300 people to gain terminal access at any given time, amounting to about 20 percent of the users. If all of the terminals are taken up, the "call back" feature will signal the user of availability.

According to Dr. Rickman, some unannounced potential services that may be offered at a later date include an on-line academic encyclopædia, an on-line campus newspaper, the University catalog and the student handbook.

This week, in order for students to secure a room for involvement in the Electronic Campus, housing will be sending surveys to those living in the residence halls. Students living off-campus who wish to move back to the halls also need to fill

out a housing application. These are available at the Information Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

These terminal facilities will enable students to write compositions and term papers with the word processing feature. Printers will be made available in the residence halls and computer laboratories throughout the campus. Mathematic, science or business majors will be able to take advantage of the spreadsheet, statistical analysis and electronic calculator components of the Electronic Campus.

Northwest will be providing each student and faculty member with simple instructional video disc television programs (through Channel 7) to facilitate

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Ashcroft mandates assessment program

BY KIM SCHENK
News Assistant

With Gov. Ashcroft's mandated assessment programs in public institutions, the Talent Development Center at Northwest developed an assessment program modeled after Ashcroft's program, "Show Me Excellence."

Show Me Excellence is an incentive-funding strategy for the purpose of improving undergraduate education in Missouri, and was established by Ashcroft for the fiscal year 1989.

Through assessment, an institutional strategy to improve teaching and learning, the state will be able to monitor the effectiveness of higher education while the institutions can improve financially and educationally.

Show Me Excellence allows for institutions, such as Northwest, to receive three to five percent more appropriations for the fiscal year 1989 if they develop their own assessment programs. The institutions must demonstrate how instruction has improved and how evaluations of students' progress are appropriate to the purposes of the institution.

This demonstration comes in the form of assessing student skills at various levels during the time spent at the institution.

"Northwest began development of assessment programs in President Dean Hubbard's expectation that the mandate by the state would one day come about," Dr. Richard Dumont, vice president of academic affairs said.

This assessment program began in the fall when the freshman class participated in the ACT College Outcomes Measures Program during the first weeks of the semester. With the establishment of Ashcroft's Show Me Excellence program, assessment testing will continue at Northwest with the testing of the rest of the students.

The April assessment will consist of four types of tests, each for a different group of students.

The PACE test consists of a survey of all students to determine the "quality of Northwest."

The National Teachers Exam (NTE) will be given to seniors pursuing bachelor's degrees in education who have returned to campus for Teacher Placement Day.

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Photo by C. Carlson

Therma Holliday, Director Collins and Rhonda Chittenden model at Alpha Phi Alpha's 'Fashions Coast to Coast'

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'inside' jokes

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against Southeast

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Self-contained post office planned for Student Union

BY DOUG ROSSELL
Special to the *Missourian*

Students at Northwest will soon be able to enjoy the convenience of a self-contained post office on campus, Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students, said.

Hayes, who is also director of auxiliary services at Northwest, said the post office will be in the form of a six feet long, five feet high machine and should be operational within two weeks after Spring Break in March.

The post office will be located on the lower level of the Student Union near the Campus Safety Office. It will provide a number of valuable services to the entire campus community.

"You will be able to buy a single stamp. You will be able to buy a book of stamps. You will be able to buy a roll of stamps if you want to," Hayes said. "There will be a change machine where you can put in 1 or \$2 and get change back and then buy your stamps."

"We are incorporating into it [the post office] a shelf where

you will be able to write and address letters and things like that," Hayes said. "Right next to it will be a campus mailbox, as well as a U.S. mailbox so that you will be able to buy your stamps and mail your letters right there."

A scale and weight chart will be available enabling students to determine the amount of postage required to mail packages, which may be deposited right there.

It has not yet been determined exactly what the operating hours will be, but Hayes said the post office will almost certainly be open until 10:30 or 11 p.m. each night and may be open 24 hours a day.

These greatly extended hours will make it possible for students to use postal services at any time, not just Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the mailroom business hours.

In addition to better hours, the new post office will also offer campus residents a more convenient location, according to

mailroom supervisor Russ Riley.

"Many students have to go to the Student Union every day, or almost every day, and don't necessarily have to come in her [the Administration Building]," Riley said. "Mostly we are doing it for the students."

Students, however, are not the only ones who will benefit from the new addition to campus.

"We also hope that it [the post office] will slow down the volume coming in here [the mailroom]," Riley said.

Riley said that although mailroom personnel do not mind helping people, everytime someone goes into the mailroom, those people behind the counter must put down whatever they are doing to provide assistance. This has proven to be somewhat of an inconvenience in bagging and sorting mail.

The same problem would also be lessened for employees at the Maryville post office. With the post office already on campus, postal workers are expected to see a decrease in the number of

college students coming in after mailroom hours and on weekends.

However, Maryville postal employees will be responsible for servicing the post office by keeping the machine stocked with stamps, as well as keepin the change machine filled.

The machines are the property of the U.S. Postal Service and will be provided to the University at no additional charge.

"At first we were just out to get a stamp machine," Dan Edmonds, assistant controller at Northwest, said. "So, you see, as far as I'm concerned, this has really exceeded our wishes."



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fast learning on computer terminal use.

Concerning the new telephone hookup, it will be the student's responsibility to supply their own telephone, and they will be required to pay a hookup fee in addition to the monthly service costs to the United Telephone System. Touch-tone telephones will be the only varieties that will work with the system.

Services previously announced to be offered with the Electronic Campus are: word processing, electronic mail, electronic file cabinet, electronic spreadsheet, statistical analysis, electronic calculator, electronic library catalog, calendar of events, class schedule and openings, faculty/staff/student directories, student job directory, student scholarship listings, career guidance information on job opportunities and schedules of interviews on campus hiring officials.

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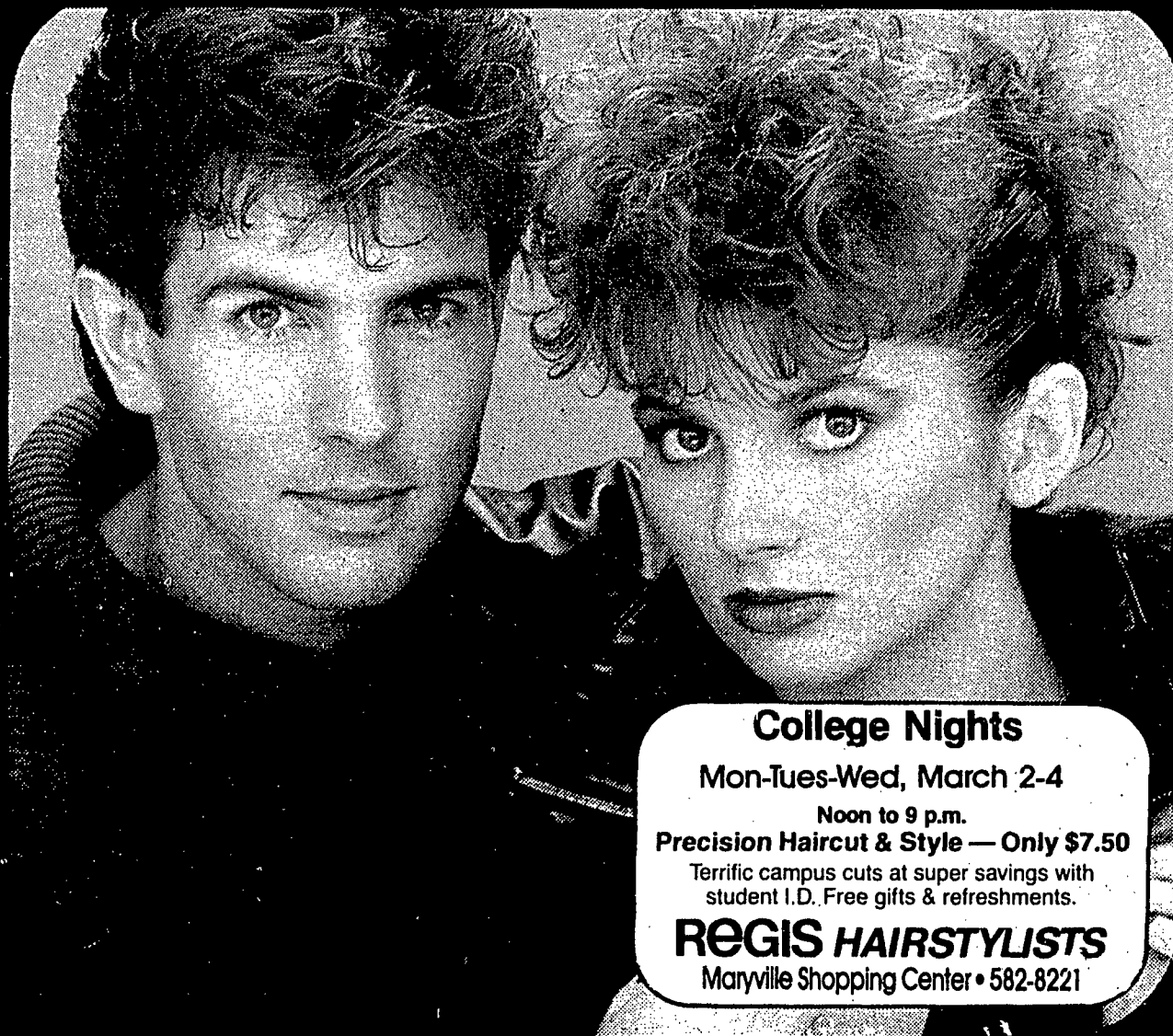
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The glorification of the great white man's achievements fill children's minds at an early age. But more important is that the children of the past, present and future generations learn that the United States was forged out of the early pioneers' hearts and souls, and that their plight of courage was to strive, achieve and even die for their country.

What those early books forget to glorify is the slavery of the Negro. Rightly so, it is not glorified. And rightly so, as we look back toward our individual traditions and family lines, we as human beings should acknowledge shame, not glory or pride, toward those people who enslaved men, women, and children.

Glorification of hard work, study or thought is not a sin, but it can be badly misinterpreted.

What should be glorified today, for the rest of the month—Black National History Month—and all over the world is the tremendous work, dedication, drive and the eternally powerful mind and soul of the black person and his or her culture.

And if ever respect should be given, it should fall on those pioneers of education, art, music, science and equality from the black community and culture. And if ever a man was more true to himself—his soul, his country, his race—it was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King's brave, successful steps toward spreading humanity and moral and political equality should stand as positive steps for the building and the connecting of all humans to all living beings and creatures. Let Dr. King's successes and failures, his purpose of heart, be a lesson to our political officials, who build nuclear and other weapons which shadow all life with fear and doubt. Who allow the defense budget to become a higher priority than the continuation of peace and equality. Who simplify life to the press of a

button.

Let the celebration of Black History Month in America stand in the face of those prejudiced, frightened and fear-infected government officials of the apartheid government.

Let everybody hear the music of John Coltrane and the speeches of Malcolm X and W.E.B. Du Bois, the literature of Richard Wright, Etheridge Knight, and the countless others who have contributed to the arts.

It may be said best by Alice Walker, in an excerpt from "Fundamental Difference":

"To acknowledge our ancestors means we are aware that we did not make ourselves, that the line stretches all the way back, perhaps, to God; or to Gods. We remember them because it is an easy thing to forget: that we are not the first to suffer, rebel, fight, love, and die. The grace with which we embrace life, in spite of the pain, the sorrows, is always a measure of what has gone before."

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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"You wanna have some fun, Fred? Watch ... Growling and bristling, I'm gonna stand in front of the closet door and just stare."

Proposal likened to little more than bidding process

"And now if you'll turn your attention to the Red Zone, ladies and gentlemen, we'll begin the bidding. The Red Zone starts at a price of \$5. Five dolla', hey now, here now, will ya gimme five, five, there's a 10, 10, yea now, 20, 20, 20 dolla' for th' Red Zone, do I hear 30, hey! do I hear 40, 40, c'mon gimme 40, yea! 50, 50, theyah! 60, 60, do I hear 60 dolla's for the Red, yay! Goin' once! Goin' twice! SOLD! to the young man in back with the bulgin' billfold!"

EDITORIAL

Sounds a bit outrageous to think that, in the near future, Northwest students may be participating in a live auction for parking spaces. Yet, in effect, this will be the result of the proposed zone parking policy.

A recommendation for new zone parking was proposed last Tuesday by Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students. According to the plans, University parking lots would be divided and color coded according to use. In addition, students can pay an extra \$60 for special reserved spots.

On first consideration, the color zoning proposal seems like a good alternative to the parking problems Northwest has consistently encountered over the years. Notice the qualifier: *on first consideration*. What has happened is the administration has taken the shortage of parking spaces and applied the ol' supply and demand principle. Or, as Steve Martin so eloquently put it in a scene from "The Jerk": "Oh, this is a *for-profit* deal!"

The new parking resolution is riddled with its own internal problems. First and foremost, the good ol' Northwest that was so nice and inexpensive (which was one of the main reasons you came here) has now turned even parking into an elitist program. It's unfair to the struggling students of this University who depend on Northwest's low expenses.

Moreover, it's nice to be able to park near (within 10 minutes walking distance) your classes. If you elect to pay the \$60 for a reserved parking space, how do you enforce that privilege? Surely Campus Safety has no intention of towing all parking-spot trespassers. Oh no, you might even have to park in someone else's space. And, according to Murphy's Law, you'd get towed and fined.

The redeeming quality about the color-coded zone parking proposal is, as Hayes himself said, it's just that: a proposal.

Your Man curbs desire to complain

Stroller plays 'Cats cheerleader

As I sat in my humble abode, somewhere in the metropolis of Maryville, considering the Alpo-loaf I'd had for dinner and thinking euphorically about the unsolved problems of the universe, I found myself contemplating the four tests I had taken this past week. Was this "test week" for everyone or what? Luckily we are now able to return to the library to do "the student thing" without fear of contracting that incurable disease: Lungfulla Fiberglassica. This was quite a relief to Your Man, who spends at least 12 hours of his waking day (and usually no less than four of his sleeping hours) in the book house. Sometime this week I will find out if my countless hours of studying will pay off, and then I'll decide whether to continue my college education or look more seriously at the priesthood.

Your Man has been asking around about the proposal to change our school to the University of Missouri at Maryville, and through all his legwork has dis-

covered that the student populous really has no idea what this means! Does anyone out there actually know what is going on? If so, how about giving us a clue as to what it is? We might even support it, but you've got to tell us what it is first.

Hey, how about those Bearcats? I hope everyone got their studying done for this week, because it's time to go scream and holler about a bit of roundball tonight. My recommendation to you is to file your books, grab two bucks and fight your way to Lamkin Gym for a rip-snortin' good time. By the way, I hope someone out there is planning a "Division I Night" rally. Nothing warms the Stroller's heart more than to see students turn out en masse decked in their finest green and white for a worthy cause. We will be playing that so-called "university," Southeast Missouri State. Cape Girardeau is, by the way, on the other side of the proverbial Mason-Dixon line of basketball, so let's all rally 'round the flag of our old alma mater and cheer as

our boys come home victorious! See you there.

Your man is a collector of nostalgia, and he has recently purchased the collector's item of the 1980s. Yes, that's right, I have my very own copy of the "Girls of Gilroy" Senior Calendar hanging in my room. You can imagine the surprise of the little California high school secretary when Yours Truly called up to request a personal copy of the hottest First Amendment item on the free market today.

I've thought over the issues this week, and have come up with a list that could blind you. I decided to abstain from dogging anyone in particular this week. Instead, I am taking my complaints to the one office in Maryville that always has the students' interests in mind. That one place where your comments are always welcomed. That one place where the bathroom is never crowded on Thursday night. The Pub. See you there.

Until next week, I'm strollin' on.

In Your Opinion

What do you think about the additional two weeks added on to the academic year?



Joel Grimes
Freshman
Agriculture

"I think that with two more weeks added...it would hurt those students who have to work to come back next semester."



Paul Kothe
Freshman
Pre-engineering

"Two more weeks of classes doesn't really affect me because I'm not used to anything else, but I like it because it will give me more time to bring up a weak class."



Mike Sullins
Sophomore
Accounting

"It doesn't make a lot of difference, but it will mess up some people's plans."

Visitation policies altered

BY SHELLEY CROWLEY
Staff Writer

Due to the increase in the number of visitation and escort violations in the dorms, Dr. Phil Hayes, dean of students has proposed a more harsh policy for those violators caught.

Hayes had received many complaints from parents and residents in the women's dorms. "I felt that we needed pretty serious action and something strict has to occur," Hayes said. One of his many duties is to serve as the coordinator of the University judicial system, and that is one of the reasons he drew up the proposal.

These visitation and escort violations will be handled by Hayes as advisor to the Student-Faculty Discipline Committee. A violation entails being cited without an escort during the hours between 1 a.m.- 9 a.m. Hayes said normally, depending on the violation, the student would be put on Strict Campus Conduct Probation and be removed from good standing with the University for one full semester.

Hayes added the main purpose of the harsher policy is to keep men from running through the women's residence halls and disrupting them. He also said he had not received any violations so far this semester, and he hoped this was due to the tougher stand on the issues.

According to the student handbook, if a student is removed from good standing, the following things will occur: the student will be ineligible to graduate from the University until they have sufficiently returned to good standing, may not operate or park a motor vehicle on University property, and finally, students will be restricted from

representing the University in any extracurricular activity. This would also render these violators ineligible to receive any financial aid from the University.

"It's not really a new policy, it's an attempt to publicize how we are planning to deal with violators," Hayes said.

Hayes said the majority of the violations have occurred in the women's residence halls and there had also been reports of vandalism in the dorms. "I feel that after 1 a.m. the girls have a right to privacy," Hayes said.

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The ACT College Measures Project (COMP) will be administered to sophomores and selected seniors as a two-hour test of how educated adults use and interpret the information that comes to them.

The COMP test will include listening to tape recordings and music, seeing slides and television news clips, as well as reading articles and newspaper stories. The student will then be asked to answer questions that ask for conclusions and value judgements as a result of the message.

Finally, the American Assembly of College Schools of Business (AACSB) is a "pilot test" of an exam which will be given to senior business majors.

"We [the University] are trying to make the testing experience as pleasant as possible, and maybe even fun," Dumont said.

Not only will these tests help Northwest establish an information base to guide the planning and structure of activities, they will also help the individual student to measure capabilities which are important for future employment.

"The challenge we face as a University is getting students involved to take the test(s) and to raise the level of awareness of the students," Dumont said.

As incentive to students, drawings will be held during the testing time, and prizes and certificates of participation will be given out. The test will also be offered at various times so every student has a chance to participate at a convenient time.

Northwest's assessment program is scheduled to begin in April.

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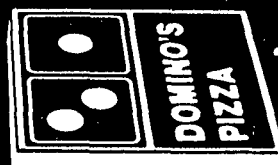
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26 Thursday

- Aerobics, Room 301 Martindale Gym, 7 p.m.
- IFC Meeting, Upper Lakeview Room, Union, 4 p.m.
- Christian Campus Fellowship Meeting, Governor's Room, Union, 7 p.m.
- Chi Alpha Christian, Fellowship Meeting, Hake Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- TKE Daughters Meeting, Upper Lakeview Room, Union, 5:30 p.m.
- Phi Sigma Alpha and Political Science Club Meeting, Stockmen Room, Union, 5:30 p.m.
- Semi-finals of MIAA Post-season
- Metro Life Insurance Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- US Air Force Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- State Farm Insurance Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Boy Scouts of America Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Peace Corps Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview

- Room, Union
- Dr. Dene Thomas workshop, Talent Development
- Gwendolyn Brooks poetry reading, Union Ballroom, 8 p.m.
- IRS Job Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- Ford/Foster/Dawson Scholarships, Financial Aid Office
- ASAP tour of NEBS, NEBS, 1 p.m.
- Dr. Carter Ward lecture, Room 116 Wells Hall, 6 p.m.
- Campus Meet the Press, Channel 8, 6 p.m.

27 Friday

- "Gin Game," Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- District Speech Contest
- Dr. Dene Thomas workshop, Talent Development
- Mutual Benefit Life Interviews, Lower Lakeview Room, Union
- AMA coffee and donuts, Business Department, 8 a.m.
- ISO meeting and film, Governor's Room, Union 7 p.m.
- Dr. Carter Ward lecture, Room 116 Wells Hall, 8

28 Saturday

- a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Bearcat/Bearkitten track at MIAA, Warrensburg
- Junior High Music Festival
- Catholic Mass, The Newman House, 6:15 p.m.
- Finals of MIAA Post-season
- District Speech contest
- Theater scholarship auditions, Mary Linn PAC, 1 p.m.
- "Gin Game," Mary Linn PAC, 7:30 p.m.
- All Halls Formal, Ramada Inn, St. Joseph, Mo., 6 p.m.
- Dr. Carter Ward lecture, Room 116 Wells Hall, 9 a.m.

1 Sunday

- Catholic Mass, The Newman House, 9 a.m.
- Catholic Mass, Union, 11 a.m.
- Dollar Supper, Lutheran Campus Center, 6 p.m.
- Volleyball and Supper, Wesley Center, 5 p.m.
- Jennifer Crowley senior recital, Charles Johnson, 6 p.m.

- "Gin Game," Mary Linn PAC, 2 p.m.
- Tonya Jo Henry senior recital, Charles Johnson, 3 p.m.
- Warren Stucki retirement reception, Union Ballroom, 2 p.m.

2 Monday

- Aerobics, Room 301 Martindale Gym, 7 p.m.
- St. Louis Brass Quintet, Charles Johnson, 8 p.m.
- Graduate Council meeting, VPAA Conference Room, 4 p.m.
- Pi Beta Alpha meeting, Multi-Purpose Room, Union, 6 p.m.
- KIDS Meeting, Wells Hall lobby, 5:30 p.m.
- TKE Meeting, Room 337 Colden Hall, 6 p.m.
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Room 229 Colden Hall, 7 p.m.
- Circle K Meeting, Upper Lakeview Room, Union, 6:30 p.m.
- CAPs Meeting, Northwest Room, Union, 4:30 p.m.
- Baptist Student Union Meeting, Baptist Student Union, 8 p.m.

3 Tuesday

- "Learning to Feel My Best" workshop, Hake Hall, 3:30 p.m.
- Julia Finney senior recital, Charles Johnson, 7 p.m.
- FDIC information meeting, Placement Office, 5 p.m.
- Bearcat Baseball vs. Peru State, Bearcat Field, 1 p.m.
- Sigma Society meeting, Governor's Room, Union, 5:30 p.m.
- Psi Chi Club Meeting, Stockmen Room, 3:30 p.m.
- DPMA Meeting, Multi-Purpose Room, Union, 6:30 p.m.

4 Wednesday

- Intramural Co-Rec Volleyball entry
- Gordon Vernick faculty recital, Charles Johnson, 8 p.m.
- Catholic Ash Wednesday Mass, University Club, Union, 4:35 and 6:15 p.m.
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TRACI, The man in black wants number five.

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2nd RICHARDSON, I hope this semester is going well. Keep up the good work. And you all have a great Spring Break! Ya Hear!
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The backstage life of a comedian

BY JIM INMAN
Staff Writer

What do Alex Cole and Jeff Valdez have in common?

The same girlfriend?

No, they're comedians who shared their talents with Northwest students during CAPs Comedian Month.

Cole and Valdez have also shared the same stage for some rather tough crowds. Both of them recalled a time when they had to perform in front of some bikers at a local bar one evening. Combining their talents, they

tickled the funny bones of a crowd that would rather break some bones than have them tickled.

The owner of the bar said to Valdez, "Man, you're the first act to get through this crowd."

Cole began to learn his trade at the age of seven. "All my life I wanted to be a comedian," Cole said. He started his career at a local talent shows and homecoming events.

Valdez, on the other hand, started his career four and a half years ago. "I did it out of necessity. I needed a job."

Now Valdez has his own comedy club and will be hosting and producing a syndicated show called 'Almost Live' for cable networks.

Both men travel extensively while touring, Cole more than Valdez. Cole stays on the road 10 months out of the year. He stated that he performed at 51 schools in 31 states within nine weeks. "The hardest part of touring is being away from the kids," Cole said, referring to his three sons in Minneapolis.

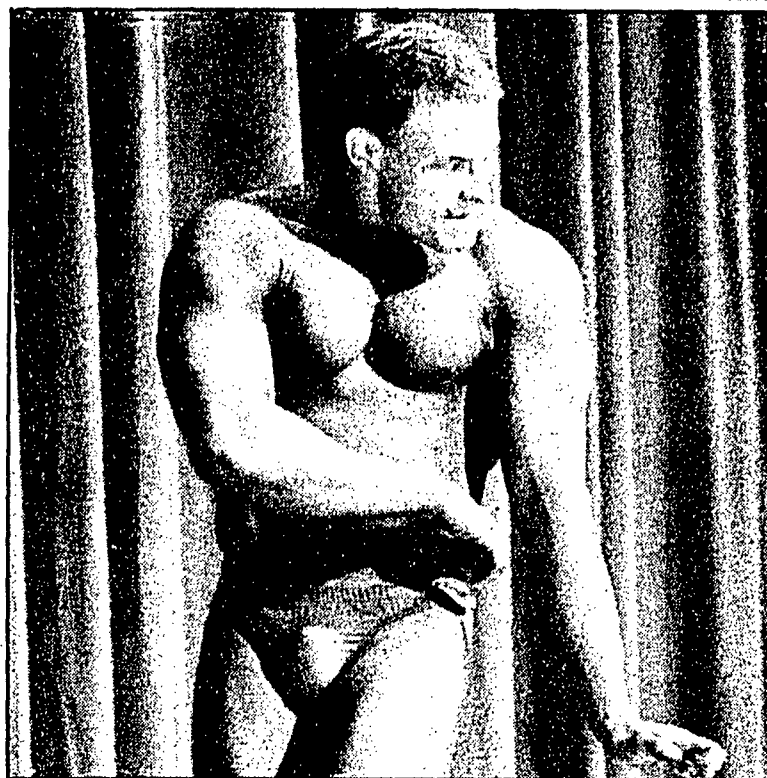
Valdez is single so traveling doesn't seem to bother him as much. He has opened for Rodney Dangerfield, Robin Williams, Frank Zappa and James Brown.

Brown requested Valdez to visit him after the show. Valdez said he was a bit nervous because he didn't know why the "Great James Brown" would want to see him. It turned out that Brown only wanted to share some jokes with him.

Are comedians always joking around?

Cole claimed that he was "born again." He said that he reads the Bible when he's alone in his hotel room. Around Cole's neck is a thick gold rope-chain with a huge gold crucifix on it that he wears outside his t-shirt. So was Cole kidding, or not?

"Alex is a party animal. Compared to him, I'm very sedate," Valdez said. And Valdez pointed out that he loves to party. Such is the life of a comedian.



Paul Allen strikes a winning pose on his way to capturing the title of 'Mr. Northwest' at the Sigma Tau Gamma Body building championships. Paul Meyerling recieved second place and Jean Jones, third. The contest was held Wednesday night in Charles Johnson Theatre. Photo by R. Abrahamson

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Squads get preview

With the MIAA championships around the corner, the Bearcat and Bearkitten indoor track squads got a preview of what their competition looks like.

All the MIAA squads were present at last weekend's Missouri Intercollegiate Invitational in Columbia. The 'Kittens were able to capture two second place finishes and two third place results.

"The girls showed that they were in good condition, both physically and mentally," Kitten Coach Donna Tiegs said. The second place finishes

belonged to the Two-Mile Relay squad, 10 minutes, 16.1 seconds, and by Venus Miller in the 300 yard run, 36.73.

The Bearcats compiled two first place finishes. They belonged to Bert Lawrence in the 600 yard run, 1 minute, 11.51 seconds, and to Mark Pyatt in the Pole Vault, 16 feet, 1/2 inch.

The 'Cats also captured three second place finishes, and one third place result.

Both teams will compete in this Saturday's MIAA Indoor Championship meet in Warrensburg.

Sinn predicts tough tournament

BY TROY APOSTOL
Sports Editor

It's back to zero for the Bearcat basketball team. When they host Southeast Missouri State in the MIAA Tournament this Thursday, they will be one step closer to the tournament championship, but also one loss away from ending their season.

"Anything can happen," Bearcat Head Coach Dr. Lionel Sinn said. "All the (conference tournament) games could go down to the wire."

The 'Cats have played Southeast twice this season. Northwest won the first contest on Jan. 10 in Lamkin Gym, 79-69. But the Indians took the next meeting, 84-57 at Southeast.

Sinn views the starting line-up from Southeast as follows:

Forward Derrick Turner: "He is one of the premier players in the conference...scorer, rebounder, quick, he's just one of the top players in the league."

Forward Lawrence Wilson: "He is a muscular player, strong upper-body, good rebounder."

Center Chris Edwards: "A little more of a finesse player, he gets

down the floor quickly on the fast break."

Guard Cleo Conley: "He is their primary outside shooter."

Guard Michael Morris: "He is the catalyst of an aggressive defense...good penetrator."

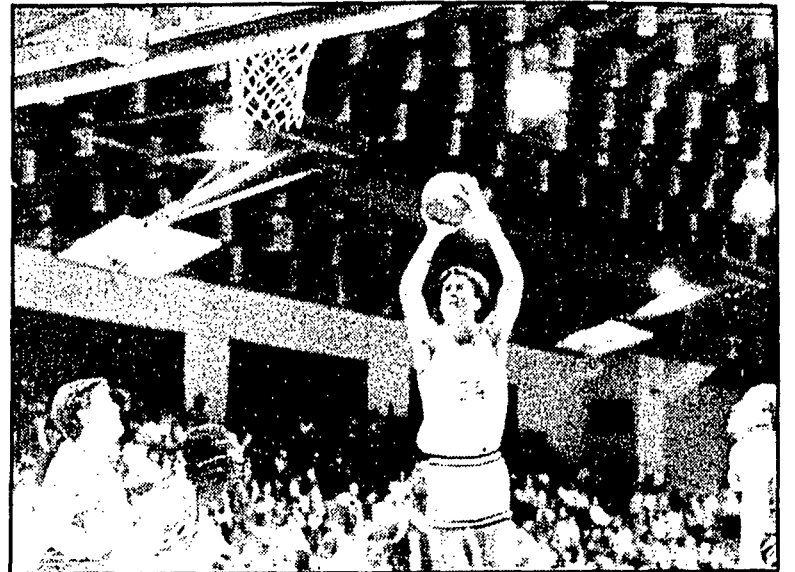
But Sinn hopes the 'Cats can utilize the home-court advantage, and encourages a loud

crowd.

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is \$2.00 with a student ID, \$4.00 without.

For those unable to attend the game, KNIM-FM in Maryville will broadcast the game live.

The victor of the game will meet the winner of the Central Missouri State-Lincoln game.



The Bearcats hope their post-season fortunes are as good as those that gave them the MIAA championship.

Sideline

Campus Recreation's athletes of the week are Nancy Meyer, and Dr. Jim Smeltzer...

On Friday, Bearcat wrestler Mark Burrell qualified for wrestling nationals, which will take place on March 6-7 in Edwardsville, Ill....

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Cagers look to advance to MIAA finals

'Kittens to open post-season action at Central Missouri

BY JOHN MYERS
Staff Writer

Tonight at Warrensburg, the third-seeded Bearkittens will square off against a multi-talented Central Missouri State team that split a pair of games with the 'Kittens this season.

Momentum is a definite factor for Northwest who has won twelve out of their last thirteen games.

"We're playing real well right now," 'Kittens Assistant Coach Gayla Eckhoff said. "This is as good a time as any for the

playoffs to be hitting us."

Head Coach Wayne Winstead was at a conference meeting and unavailable for comment.

Eckhoff looks at the Jennies starting players as follows:

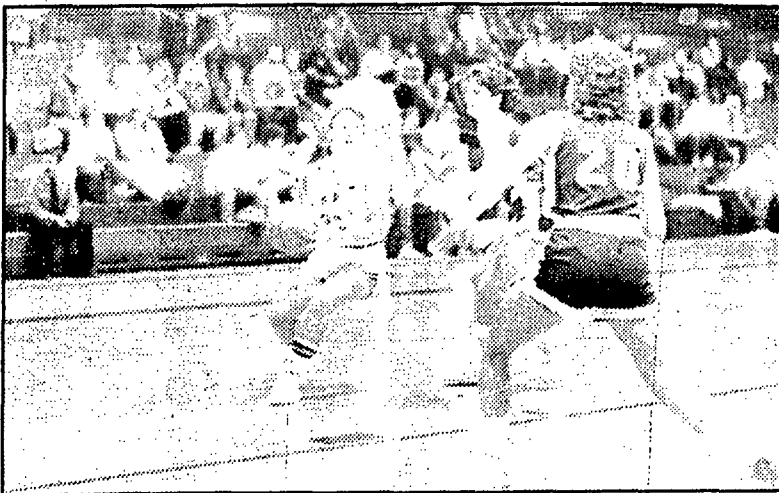
Center Tammy Wilson: "She seems to be an up-and-down type of player. Some nights she's on and some nights she isn't."

Guard Tammy Noah: "She's a big part of their offense...she does a lot of things nice. We'll try to keep the ball out of her hands and put it in ours."

Forward Barb Sorensen: "She's a big, strong girl (6 feet, 2 inches) that plays both ends of the floor well...she's been playing real well for them."

Quiet contributors, Forward Robin Williams and Guard Cathy Hagenbaumer, each had 20 and 11 points respectively against the 'Kittens this season.

The game will be broadcast by campus stereo X-106. The winner of the game will face the winner of the UMR-Southeast Missouri game on Saturday.



The Bearkittens will travel to Central Missouri State tonight (Thursday) to battle the Jennies in post-season action.

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